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| <b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>   | CABINET                                                      |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>          | SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL - ACCESSIBLE SOUTHAMPTON FINAL REPORT |
| <b>DATE OF DECISION:</b> | 14 JUNE 2022                                                 |
| <b>REPORT OF:</b>        | CLLR VAUGHAN<br>CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL 2021-22  |

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### **STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

None

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

From October 2021 to February 2022 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook evidence gathering sessions as they conducted the Accessible Southampton inquiry. A final report was approved by the Inquiry Panel on 28 April 2022.

The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel final report, attached as Appendix 1, contains a number of recommendations. The report is to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) on 9 June. If OSMC approve the report at their June meeting, Cabinet needs to formally respond to these recommendations, summarised in Appendix 2, within two months to meet the requirements in the Council's constitution.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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|  | (i) | Subject to the report being approved by the OSMC on 9 June, Cabinet is recommended to receive the attached Scrutiny Inquiry Panel report to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution. |
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### **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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| 1. | The overview and scrutiny procedure rules in part 4 of the Council's Constitution requires the Executive to consider all inquiry reports that have been endorsed by the OSMC, and to submit a formal response to the recommendations contained within them within two months of their receipt. |
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### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

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| 2. | Not applicable. |
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### **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

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| 3. | The OSMC, at its meeting in September 2021, requested that the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertake an inquiry focussing on looking at opportunities to make Southampton more accessible. |
| 4. | The set objectives of the inquiry were:                                                                                                                                               |

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|                                                                     | <p>a. To identify whether the physical infrastructure of the city creates barriers for disabled people to access all Southampton has to offer.</p> <p>b. To identify good practice being employed to improve the accessibility of towns and cities elsewhere.</p> <p>c. To identify what initiatives and approaches could work well in Southampton to improve the accessibility of the city.</p>                                                                    |
| 5.                                                                  | The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook the inquiry over 5 evidence gathering meetings and received information from a wide variety of organisations. This included Spectrum CIL, AccessAble, Liverpool City Council, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Derby City Council, The Rose Road Association, Go! Southampton, SO:Let's Connect, transport operators in Southampton, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust as well as officers from Southampton City Council. |
| 6.                                                                  | The final report, attached as Appendix 1, will be considered by the OSMC on 9 June 2022. The report contains a number of recommendations which, if implemented, the Panel believe will help to improve the accessibility of Southampton. The conclusions and recommendations are summarised in Appendix 2.                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7.                                                                  | Subject to approval by the OSMC, the Executive needs to consider the inquiry recommendations and to formally respond within two months of the date of receiving this report in order to meet the requirements set out in the Council's constitution                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b><u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u></b>                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 8.                                                                  | In practice any future resource implications arising from this review will be dependent upon whether, and how, each individual recommendation within the Inquiry report is progressed by the Executive. More detailed work will need to be undertaken by the Executive in considering its response to each of the recommendations set out in the Inquiry report.                                                                                                    |
| <b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9.                                                                  | The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10.                                                                 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11.                                                                 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12.                                                                 | <p>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2025 has, as an objective: 'People in Southampton live active, safe and independent lives and manage their own health and wellbeing'.</p> <p>The recommendations within the inquiry report will help to further the delivery of this objective.</p>                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>KEY DECISION?</b>               | No   |
| <b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b> | None |

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| <u><b>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</b></u> |
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| <b>Appendices</b> |                                                                  |
| 1.                | Accessible Southampton Inquiry – Final report                    |
| 2.                | Accessible Southampton Inquiry – Conclusions and recommendations |

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| <b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b> |  |
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| 1. | None |
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| <b>Equality Impact Assessment</b> |  |
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| Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out? | No |
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| <b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b> |  |
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| Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out? | No |
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| <b>Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b> |  |
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| <b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b> | <b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b> |
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